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POETRY

THE BUILDERS.

All are architects of Fate,
  Working in these walls of Time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
  Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low;
  Each thing in its place is best;
And what seems but idle show
  Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structure that we raise,
  Time is with materials filled;
Our todays and yesterdays
  Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these;
  Leave no yawning gaps between;
Think not, because no man sees,
  Such things will remain unseen.

In the elder days of Art,
  Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part;
  For the gods see everywhere.

Let us do our work as well,
  Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where gods may dwell
  Beautiful, entire, and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete,
  Standing in these walls of Time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
  Stumble, as they seek to climb.

Build today, then, strong and sure,
  With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
  Shall tomorrow find its place.

Thus alone can we attain
  To those turrets, where the eye
Sees the world as one vast plain,
  And one boundless reach of sky.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Anything acquired without work and sacrifice is slippery property.

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And in nothing does man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things and obey not his commandments.

—Doctrine and Covenants 59: 21.

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YOU WILL DO THE GREATEST SERVICE TO THE STATE IF YOU RAISE NOT THE ROOFS OF HOUSES BUT THE SOULS OF THE CITIZENS; FOR IT IS BETTER THAT GREAT SOULS SHOULD DWELL IN SMALL HOUSES THAN FOR MEAN SLAVES TO LURK IS GREAT HOUSES.

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

QUEEN'S COURT IN BRYCE CANYON, UTAH.

We may stand and marvel at the works of men, their mighty ships of many thousand tons, their flying fortresses of such weight and dimension that it is difficult to conceive their even rising from terra firma; their great buildings shooting blunt noses or sharp spires into space for thousands of feet and iron horses that pull many times their own weight; yet the works of nature are truly wonderful and exceed the creations of man in grandeur, beauty and vastness. They are the poets' inspiration, the writers' paradise of meditation and are coffers of wisdom for all who would know of the earth on which they dwell and its origin.

"If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear"

DELIVERED at the Saturday afternoon session of the 112th General Conference, April 4th, 1942, in the Assembly Hall.

By Dr. John A. Widtsoe.

Of the Council of the Twelve

John A. Widtsoe

THE present unhappy infernal conditions of the world are daily before us and our people. We cannot forget them. The incomprehensible folly of humanity bewilders us. All Israel are anxious and troubled. Some face the day in fear. Many are filled with premonitions and forebodings. To cure this condition; to steady the pulse of our people; to teach the ultimate conquest of right over wrong, may be our immediate problem. Of all people in the world we should and can see most clearly in this dark, man-made chaos. We have the light. We must see the happy destined end from a dark and corrupt beginning. The Lord has spoken, and foretold the calamities of the last days; but He has also declared that He is the Master and that He and His righteous people will triumph over all evil. The Lord is never defeated.

Questions, conjectures and speculations are rife among the people. Some ask, "Is this Armageddon?" Others, "Will the Saviour come when this war is over?" Yet others are busily engaged in proving that present events, countries, men, and even dates, may be read into the prophecies of thousands of years ago. To all such questions there is but one answer: We only now that this is the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, the Saturday evening of the earth's temporal existence. These are the "last days," days of much commotion, to be followed by the millennium and the presence on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ who will "put all enemies under his feet." We know that the coming of the Lord is nigh, but He has warned us that "the hour and the day no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven, nor shall they know until he comes."—Doctrine and Covenants 49: 7. All that has been set forth in great clearness in the revelations to the Prophet Joseph Smith and his successors. There is no benefit in prying beyond the revealed word of the Lord.

A passage in the Doctrine and Covenants foretells and explains the sorrows of the "last days," and it summarizes the message of the Lord to His latter-day people concerning these times of sadness.—Doctrine and Covenants 63: 32-34.

"I, the Lord, am angry with the wicked; I am holding my Spirit from

the inhabitants of the earth. I have sworn in my wrath, and decreed wars upon the face of the earth, and the wicked shall slay the wicked, and fear shall come upon every man; and the saints also shall hardly escape; nevertheless, I, the Lord, am with them, and will come down in heaven from the presence of my Father and consume the wicked with unquenchable fire."

Fear, which "shall come upon every man," is the natural consequence of a sense of weakness, also of sin. Fear is a chief weapon of Satan in making mankind unhappy. He who fears loses strength for the combat of life, for the fight against evil. Therefore, the power of evil ever seeks to engender fear in human hearts. In this day of sorrow, fear walks with humanity. It directs, measurably, the course of every battle. It remains as a gnawing poison in the hearts of victors as of the vanquished.

As leaders in Israel, we must seek to dispel fear from among our people. A timid, fearing people cannot do their work well. The Latter-day Saints have a divinely assigned world-mission so great that they cannot afford to dissipate their strength in fear. The Lord has repeatedly warned His people against fear. Many a blessing is withheld because of our fears. He has expressly declared that men cannot stop His work on earth, therefore, they who are engaged in the Lord's latter-day cause and who fear, really trust man more than God, and thereby are robbed of their power to serve.

The key to the conquest of fear has been given through the Prophet Joseph Smith. "If ye are prepared ye shall not fear." —Doctrine and Covenants 38: 30. That divine message needs repeating today in every stake, ward and district. Are we prepared in surrender to God's commandments? In victory over our appetites? In obedience to righteous law? If we can honestly answer yes, we can bid fear depart. And the degree of fear in our hearts may well be measured by our preparation by righteous living, such as should characterize Latter-day Saints. To the handful of believers at the opening of this dispensations, the Lord gave this glorious promise:

"Fear not, little flock; do good; let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my rock, they cannot prevail."—Doctrine and Covenants 6: 34.

Speaking to the Church about the events of the last days, the Lord said, "The wicked shall flee unto Zion for safety." Since Zion is wherever the pure in heart are, I like to read into that inspired saying, that there is safety wherever the people of the Lord live so worthily as to claim the sacred title of citizens of the Zion of our Lord. Otherwise the name Zion is but an empty sound. The only safety that we can expect in this or any other calamitous time lies in our conformity to gospel requirements.

Every individual may carry the blessings of Zion with him wherever he goes. Our boys who have been called into our country's service, if they keep themselves clean and undefiled, carry Zion with them. It is my faith that they will be protected by divine power. Should they fall in action or from disease, it will be with the consent of our Father in heaven.

Besides, to all Latter-day Saints, time and eternity are closely associated. Our sons who live righteously, yet who may lose their lives in this devil-engendered war (and may they be few in number, I pray) will enter into the glory prepared for the righteous. The Lord has so declared. "Therefore, whosoever belongeth to my church need not fear, for such shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."—Doctrine and Covenant 10: 55. And also, "fear not even unto death; for in this world your joy is not full, but in me your joy is full."—Doctrine and Covenants 101: 36.

In this world upheaval, in this day of wanton destruction, we, as a people must look upward. There must be trust and faith in our hearts. Hope must walk by our side. We must remember charity also. We must treasure the warm words of the Father to His Church, "Be of good cheer, and do not fear, for I the Lord am with you, and will stand by you."—Doctrine and Covenants 68: 6. We who have been called to leadership in the Church of Christ must lead our people from anxiety and fear and doubt, to trust and faith in the Lord, and certainty in the outcome of the Lord's plan of salvation. We must repeat with gladness the words of the Lord, "Fear not, let your hearts be comforted; yea, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks."—Doctrine and Covenants 98: 1.

Above the roar of cannon and aeroplane, the manoeuvres and plans of men, the Lord always determines the tide of battle. So far and no farther does He permit the evil one to go in his career to create human misery. The Lord is ever victorious; He is the Master to whose will Satan is subject. Though all hell may rage, and men may follow evil, the purposes of the Lord will not fail. The God of Israel, "He slumbers not nor sleeps." It is well to remember the admonition of old. "Be still and know that I am God."

It is our destiny as a people to purify the world; to lead men from evil to good; to win the nations to the realm of everlasting truth; to prepare the earth for the coming of the Lord. We are called to establish the kingdom of God on earth. If we accept our mission with faith and the courage born of faith, the Lord will make us victorious in our labours in His cause. Happiness will wait upon us. The protection of heaven will be about us. At this time in our history, let us teach as never before. "If ye are prepared, ye shall not fear."

May the Lord qualify us for the heavy duties of this day I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE "Old Contemptibles," a club for men in Weston, Australia, has quit serving beer at social gatherings and meetings to provide the means for purchasing Spitfire planes. Their slogan is "Spitfires before beer," and so the beer keg has disappeared from all the meetings of the association.

British Mission Progress

VERY CHEERFUL NEWS FROM BELFAST.

THIS is a story of hard work and perseverance on the part of a group of Latter-day Saints who are almost cut off from the body of the British Mission To the members of the Belfast Branch we send congratulations on their achievements.

Early in 1941 three sisters were called to serve in the Mission Field, Sister Agnes Gillespie first, and later Sisters Anne M. Bannatyne and Dianna Ferguson. Though this depleted the ranks of the Saints in Belfast they went gladly, and with the help of the faithful Saints of the Dublin Branch, who chiefly rallied to their support, they were able to fulfil successful Missions. Each of them gained valuable knowledge and strength of testimony, and now declare with conviction: "Our missionary experiences will always remain as some of the happiest memories of our lives."

Later in 1941 Belfast suffered badly in several air raids and the home of one of these sisters was damaged. During this time of stress and danger many of the Saints experienced great faith-promoting incidents, which we shall write at length at a later date. Throughout all these events the Branch continued to function, but attendances were reduced to ten or twelve faithful members; of the Auxilaries, only the Relief Society and Sunday School continued to function.

In June, the visit of President A. K. Anastasiou for the District Conference was the opening of a new departure in Mission Progress.

The first Home Missionaries were called and set apart, and though at first their work was slow and not very progressive, they are now one of the most active and enterprising groups in the Mission. They are eight in number, and during a recent five weeks have given 96 hours to Home Missionary work.

With the coming of the new year, 1942, the Saints experienced a new desire and urge to serve the Lord, and to improve the conditions of their Branch. Added to this was the experience gained in the Mission Field by the three young Sisters, who returned full of the desire and determination to put their knowledge to use, for the benefit of the Belfast Branch.

About this time President Anastasiou received some very interesting communications from a young man in Belfast telling of his search for the Restored Gospel. Having heard a little of the principles of Mormonism, this young man was impressed, and so insistent was his desire to know more that he determined to obtain a copy of the Book of Mormon. He searched the Belfast book market for a copy of it and in the end his patience was rewarded. He prayerfully considered its contents, and after discussing the principles of the Gospel with the Missionaries and Priesthood of the Branch, he was convinced of the Divinity of the work, and a short time ago, together with another young man, he was baptised. Such is the story of Brother William Mackay, to whom we offer com-

mendation for his perseverance in the face of such difficulties..

The average attendance at Sacrament meetings has risen from 12 to 36. Tithing has improved. The members are happy and united. Every Auxiliary is fully organized. Every week an advertisement appears in a Belfast paper and the results it has brought have been satisfactory.

The Home Missionary Group are developing the Genealogical work of the Branch, and in this field of endeavour the Saints are responding wholeheartedly.

Added to these signs of progress the Branch President is striving to make all the members "book conscious." A second supply of books is on the way to meet the requirements of the Branch Book Stall.

We feel confident that this progress will continue throughout the year, and will serve as an example to show that even if these Saints are so far away from us, they are faithful and diligent in the service of the Lord.

They are now preparing for their District Conference and are hopefully looking forward to the visit of the Mission President.

To the Saints of Belfast we say "Carry on, and God bless your efforts in His service.

To the members of our other Branches we commend this report and hope that we may soon be publishing reports of the progress of other Branches, in terms as glowing as these.

—I. W.

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Movements Of Missionaries

NEW ARRIVALS.

Sister Marion Paterson of the Scottish District, set apart by President A. K. Anastasiou on July 5th, 1942, was assigned to labour in the Newcastle District on the 3rd August, 1942.

Elder Harold George Thomas of the Welsh District, set apart by Elder J. R. Cunningham on August 12th, 1942, has been assigned to labour in the Leeds District.

Sister Elsie Linnett of the Birmingham District, set apart by President A. K. Anastasiou on August 12th, 1942, has been assigned to labour in the Bristol District.

Sister Dorothea Violet Waters Ward of the Birmingham District, set apart by President A. K. Anastasiou on August 12th, 1942, has been assigned to labour in the Sheffield District.

Sister Mavis Van Poucke of the Leeds District, set apart by Elder George H. Bailey on August 6th, 1942, was assigned to labour in the Manchester District on the 8th August, 1942.

The Book Of Mormon--Nephite Record Abridgment

By Elder Cecil E. McGavin

Author of "Cumorah's Gold Bible" and "Mormonism and Masonry"

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ONE of the most indispensable characteristics of Hebrew abridgment are the words "And it came to pass." More objections have been expressed respecting this monotonous feature than any other single characteristic in the book, yet it affords indisputable evidence that the book is an abridgment.

The brass plates which the Nephites brought with them to this land used this expression freely, as does our Old Testament in the sections with later editors have summarized from the records of the past. The Jewish historians certainly used this trite expression in their records, yet the Old Testament is likely not based upon nearly as many ancient sources as is the Book of Mormon.

Let us call attention to the fact that these words appear as often in the abridged sections of the Old Testament as they do in the Book of Mormon, not losing sight of the fact that the latter is far more of an abridgment than the former.

PART X OF
"A MARVELLOUS WORK
AND A WONDER"

The words occur 110 times in the Pentateuch, 34 in Joshua, 23 in Judges, 36 in I Samuel, 28 in II Samuel, 42 in I Kings, 31 in II Kings, 9 in I Chronicles, 17 in II Chronicles, 11 in Nehemiah and 4 in Esther.

Yet when we get beyond the field of abridgment, the said term disappears almost immediately and completely. It is found but three times in the Book of Ruth and only once in Jonah, Zechariah, Obadiah and Amos. It is absent from Ezra, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai and Malachi.

The Nephites were unacquainted with most of these later books, except as the resurrected Lord made brief mention of some of them. The books inscribed upon the brass plates were the ones in which this trite expression often appeared.

Between verses 5 and 19 of the 39th Chapter of Genesis, these words appear eight times, while in Exodus 12: 41 they are found twice in one short verse. Its presence in the Book of Mormon is further evidence that the book is an abridgment from an ancient text closely resembling Hebrew.

The historian Moroni avoided the use of these words when he ceased his abridgment and began to narrate events with which he was familiar. The Book of Moroni is introduced with this sentence: "Now, I, Moroni, having made an end of abridging the account of the people of Jarad . . ." At this point these words disappear completely and immediately. In

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EDITORIAL

Sacrament Meetings

AND THAT THOU MAYEST MORE FULLY KEEP THYSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD, THOU SHALT GO TO THE HOUSE OF PRAYER AND OFFER UP THY SACRAMENTS UPON MY HOLY DAY:

FOR VERILY THIS IS A DAY APPOINTED UNTO YOU TO REST FROM YOUR LABOURS, AND TO PAY THY DEVOTIONS UNTO THE MOST HIGH.

IN a letter recently addressed to Stake Presidents, Mission Presidents, Bishops and Branch Presidents, the First Presidency of the Church lays stress on the importance of the Sacrament meeting. After referring to Sabbath day references in the Doctrine and Covenants (20: 75; 46: 2; 59: 16; 68: 29) they write as follows:

"The Lord has thus made clear the character and sacredness of the Sacrament meeting and of the Sabbath day on which this meeting is to be held. This is the one meeting of the Ward or Branch which the Lord Himself has prescribed and provided for. His revelations do not authorize even by implication that the holding of the Sacrament meeting should be given up to the holding of any other, nor that the time thereof should be used except as the Lord has indicated in the revelations.

"There has gradually crept into the Church a growing tendency for various subsidiary and auxiliary organizations to take over the time of the Sacrament meeting. This has in some areas grown to such proportions that the Bishop or Branch President has difficulty in finding a Sunday on which he can hold a regular Sacrament meeting. This situation does not accord with the revelations of the Lord and is therefore not right.

"Sacrament meetings are the Ward or Branch meetings. They are for the Ward or Branch membership as a whole and not for any special group, however important the group may be. There should be one Sabbath Sacrament meeting each week in every Ward or Branch, and the Bishops or Branch Presidents of the Wards or Branches will be expected so to arrange Auxiliary Organizations and other meetings as to leave this regular Sacrament meeting each week for the Wards or Branches.

"This matter recently had the very careful consideration of the Council of the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve, who unanimously reached the following conclusions, which we pass on to the Bishops and Presidents of Wards and Branches and Presidents of Stakes and Missions for their guidance in this matter.

"(1) In the Wards or Branches the Relief Society, the Sunday School, the Mutual Improvement Associations, the Primary Association, and the Genealogical Society will hold all their special meetings and annual Conferences on the evenings of Fast Sundays. The assignment of these evenings to the various Auxiliaries will be made by the Bishopric or Presidency of the Ward or Branch after consultation with the Auxiliary Organizations.

"(2) Ward or Branch missionary farewells should not be held on Sunday but on some appropriate weekday, and all such farewells are to be tendered to the Missionary by the Bishop or President, who will supervise the preparation of the programme and who will conduct the meeting.

"(3) Where civic, charitable, and like organizations desire to use the Ward or Branch facilities for holding meetings in the interests of their particular group or cause, these meetings are to be fixed for some day or evening of the week. The time of the Sacrament meeting should not be used for these purposes. But Bishops or Presidents should keep always in mind that our meeting houses are houses of worship, and the amusement halls connected therewith are impressed with the same character. The buildings should not be used for non-Ward or non-Branch activities that are not compatible with their character of houses of worship.

"(4) We take occasion to repeat the instructions heretofore given, that Ward or Branch Sacrament meetings should be held either on Sunday afternoons or Sunday evenings. They should not be held immediately following Sabbath School, except as to Fast meetings which may be held immediately after Sunday School.

"Instructions recently issued covering curtailment of travel for the Auxiliary and other organizations do not affect in any way the regular Ward or Branch activities which are to be carried on with just as much intensity as heretofore.

"Faithfully yours,

HEBER J. GRANT,
J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.,
DAVID O. McKAY,
The First Presidency."

Moroni's appendange of 7,000 words, comprising 13 printed pages, this trite term does not occur a single time.

Though Moroni used these words 117 times in 40 pages of Jaredite history, he does not use them once in his own book of 13 pages. These Hebrew traits, features, customs and characteristics were positively unknown by the unlearned farmer boy who was inspired to translate this fascinating book. The fitting use of this one trite Hebrew idiom is evidence that the Book of Mormon is based upon an ancient Hebrew text.

Furthermore, in the midst of the abridged material in the Book of Mormon these words are not used when a prophet chooses to preach to his generation and give them advice for their daily improvement. Though the short book of Jacob contains this expression 43 times, it is not used at all in 11 pages in which he gives instructions to his people.

Likewise, when Nephi resorts to prophecy, he immediately ceases to use these words. In 16 pages of prophecy they do not appear a single time. Alma gives advice and commandments to his sons, wherein these words are to be found but three times in 18 pages. In every sermon this expression is absent except as the prophet pauses to review the history of the past.

It is a genuine Hebrew trait. Its use in the Book of Mormon is comparable to its use in the Bible, being restricted to a recapitulation or summary of past events, connecting present events with the past, epitomizing one's own writings or abridging the writing of others.

The average use of this expression in the Book of Mormon is about twice to the page, whereas, from Genesis to Ezra it appears just half that often.

There are 16 of the later books in the Old Testament that do not contain these words at all. There are three that use it but once. This leaves but 20 books in which it appears 383 times. This expression occurs 80 times in the first five books of the New Testament, which is not comparable to the Book of Mormon as an abridged record.

Though this trite expression is to be found 1,362 times in the Book of Mormon, it is evidence that the Book is an abridgment and that it abounds in Hebrew traits, its translator being loath to depart from the ancient style recorded on the gold plates.

Because of the laborious task of abridging, the Nephite historians frequently apologized for their weaknesses and begged their readers not to condemn them for their faults. In the midst of some abridged history that is found in the Douay version of the Bible we read: "Therefore, to us, that have taken upon us this painful labour of abridging, it was not easy, but a matter of sweat and watching. But to use brevity and avoid much labouring of the work, is to be granted to him that will make an abridgment."—II Maccabees 2: 23.

For The Young Folk

He that is thy friend indeed,
He will help thee in thy need!
If thou sorrow, he will weep!
If thou wake, he cannot sleep!
Thus, of every grief in heart,
He with thee doth bear a part!
These are certain signs to know
Faithful friend from flatt'ring foe

—Barnfield.

THE JOURNEY BEGUN.

AFTER the Israelites had gained their new found freedom they commenced their journey to the promised land. Instead of leading them through the land of the Philistines, which was the nearest, the Lord lead them by way of the wilderness. The way was long and trying, and there were no landmarks to point the way, so the Lord provided a pillar of cloud to lead the way by day, and a pillar of fire to give light in the darkness of the night.

All the terrible plagues which they had just undergone had bewildered Pharoah and the Egyptians to such an extent that it was not until the Israelites had been gone some time that their late masters realised that their slaves had escaped, and now all Egyptians would have to do their own work. Pharoah, his heart once more hardened, made ready his chariot, and took six hundred chariots and all the captains and chariots in Egypt to go and bring back the Israelites.

When the Children of Israel realised that they were being pursued by the cruel masters from whom they had just escaped, they began murmuring and grumbling one to the other. Moses was a prophet of the Lord, though, and as he was commanded, he took his rod, and stretched it out over the Red Sea, before them. As he did so, all the waters of the ocean divided, leaving a highway of dry land, over which the Israelites could cross in safety. The Egyptians were still following, though, and the Israelites got frightened again, and began their grumbling once more. The Lord was equal to this new situation, though, for he commanded Moses to stretch forth his hand over the sea, and this time it returned to its former place, just as all the Egyptians and their horses and chariots were half way across, and so they were all drowned in the middle of the sea.

After this latest miracle, all the Children of Israel feared the Lord, and believed Him and His servant Moses.

—E. M. T.

L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

PEN FRIENDSHIP among Latter-day Saints is building up true companionship, ideal understanding and happy contemplation of cherished union in this life and in eternity through the principles and ordinances of the Restored Gospel.

The L.D.S. Pen Friendship League is assuming wider interest and greater importance among our members in the British Mission. It has come to stay. Quite a number of District and Branch Presidents have reason to praise this project, for they see the realization of life's ambitions among their members. We, too, feel to rejoice in the knowledge that our youth are seeking to obey the counsel of our leaders and fulfil the commandments of God.

At this juncture, we wish to announce that it is proposed to extend the good influence and objectives of our Pen Friendship League by publishing on this page from time to time complete lists of our young members in each Branch of the Mission.

Branch and District Presidents are desired to take this project to heart and assume the role of Counsellors and Fathers of the Branches in interesting themselves in the lives of our young people by teaching them and leading them to find companions within the Church.

We must send a warning that, owing to the scattered condition of our members, many of our youth have little opportunity of getting to know each other. We must bring them together. Many are seeking companions in life outside the Church. The majority of marriages recorded last year are with non-members.

We look to each Branch President to use his office in the interests of the young people of his Branch through tactful but diligent effort and co-operation with Presidents of other Branches in the same District and even further afield.

We welcome a new Pen Friend:

A New Zealander—Sergt.-Pilot R. C. Gring, and Elder. He writes: "I wish to contact members of the Church over here if possible, for I miss my Church activities a lot. I am stationed near Grantham, and if there are a family or two, will you please let me know, as I'd appreciate very much meeting and associating with them." Address letters c/o The Mission Office, 149 Nightingale Lane, London, S.W.12.

Branch Presidents: Please send us a list of all the young people in your Branch—from 15 to 25 years, and any over that age. We will help you and help the youth of your Branch as well.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS — REMEMBER YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN THE FORCES AT HOME AND ABROAD WITH TWO G's — A GREETING AND A GIFT.

—A. K. A.

Hull District Annual Conference

Held on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th, 1942.

At Trift Hall, Pasture Street, Grimsby.

The Conference commenced on Saturday, at 6.45 p.m., with a presentation of Tabernacle Choir records, under the excellent handling of Elder Arthur J. Fisher, followed by an 1-Act Play, "Conversion," presented by the members of the Grimsby Branch. Two coloured slide films, "In the Top of the Mountains" and "The Historic Highlights of Mormonism," were presented with very concise and clear lectures by Elder Fisher. Refreshments were served by the Relief Society, and then several recordings of the "Fulness of Times" were presented to the congregation. District President Eric Thorp conducted. There was an attendance of 60 members and friends, who were deeply impressed by the programme.

The Sunday proceedings of the Conference began at 10.0 a.m. with a Sacrament and Testimony Service. President A. K. Anastasiou conducted. Elder Arthur E. Ransom, First Counsellor in the Hull District Presidency, conducted. After the opening exercises and the Sacrament, 11 members were able to bear very fine testimonies. The spirit of the meeting was slightly marred by an outburst of one of the brethren from the Hull Branch. The Saints bore eloquent and humble testimonies afterwards, and the indiscretion of one brother was entirely wiped out by the spirit, wisdom and tact of other Saints.

The first general session commenced at 11.0 a.m., conducted by District President Eric Thorp. After the opening exercises, President Thorp outlined the theme of the Conference—"Pre-existence, Present and Future Life." A song "Faith," was beautifully rendered by a young Sister, Mary Kingswood. Travelling Elder Albert H. Willmott addressed the Conference on "Pre-existence," giving scriptural evidence of our presence in the Council of Heaven when the great plan was laid down, and the offer of Jesus accepted to fulfil His earthly mission. Sister Marie W. Anastasiou, President of the British Mission Relief Society, spoke to the children: a story for the benefit of the boys and a poem for the girls. She encouraged the children to be diligent in attaining knowledge of the Gospel and dwelt upon the subject of charity and love among the Church members. Mission President A. K. Anastasiou was the final speaker and took for his subject "Pre-existence," citing the scriptures to substantiate our first estate in the presence of our God and all other great and noble spirits, where we were foreordained to come upon the earth in this dispensation and to receive the Gospel and the Priesthood to fulfil our earthly missions. Attendance 56.

At 12.45 the Mission President met with the local Priesthood to receive the Branch reports and consider various problems of the Hull District. The brethren received the counsel how to conduct themselves in presiding offices and were encouraged to remain faithful to the principles of Tithing, Word of Wisdom, and generally uphold the commandments given them for their own blessing and advancement.

The second session commenced at 2.30 p.m., conducted by Elder Arthur E. Ransom. After the opening exercises, the Brothers Hall rendered a sacred piece, one playing a violin and the other accompanying on the organ. General, Mission and District authorities were unanimously sustained. Elder Arthur J. Fisher addressed the congregation on the subject of "Creation," dealing with logical sequence of ancient and modern scriptures. The sessions then separated into two groups—Priesthood and Ladies —under the direction of President and Sister Anastasiou respectively. The Priesthood meeting was attended by 13 persons. The brethren were again given counsel and advice on the building up of their own faith and magnifying their Priesthood. Twenty-one Sisters enjoyed a fine spirit in the Relief Society, under the direction of Sister M. W. Anastasiou. Reports were given of the progress made, and Sister Anastasiou gave much helpful counsel and advice, and expressed her pleasure in attending the Conference. Total attendance 37.

Between the sessions tables were nicely laid and the Saints mingled together in partaking of refreshments. The Mission authorities were offered every consideration and very nicely entertained. Food was partaken with much appreciation and joy, served under the direction of the Relief Society President of the Grimsby Branch.

The final session convened at 6.0 p.m., conducted by District President E. Thorp. After the opening exercises, the theme was again briefly introduced by the District President in a very able and concise manner. The authorities, the visitors and Saints were welcomed to this final session. Sister Marie W. Anastasiou addressed the congregation on the subject of Charity and related two very exemplary incidents in the life of some of our members. Her remarks were inspirational and instructional. The final speaker of the Conference was President A. K. Anastasiou, who dwelt on the subject, "Man Lives For Ever." His address was punctuated with citations from the New and the Old Testaments as to the reality of the resurrection of our Lord and subsequent appearances of other resurrected beings in the Meridian of Time as well as in this dispensation The Saints were encouraged to prepare themselves for the Millennium, which is very nigh at hand, by observing the saving principles of the Gospel. The gathering of 60 to 65 people enjoyed a great outpouring of the spirit of the Lord, and several investigators were very keenly following the proceedings and afterwards came to make enquiries on various doctrinal points. Baptisms are anticipated after the Conference.

Throughout the sessions the Priesthood participated in the opening and closing prayers. Everyone who contributed towards the success of this Conference is hereby very heartily commended. The Hull District Conference will serve as an encouragement and guide to all those who were fortunate enough to attend.

One Home Missionary offered her services as a full time Missionary within her own district, as she is not able to leave her home, but is able to give every day of the week to this worthy service.

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District Activities

Birmingham

A new Branch has recently been organised at Kinstanding, Birmingham. The officers sustained are as follows: President, Brother Bertram Harry Stokes; First Counsellor, Brother E. John S. Jones; Second Counsellor, Brother Walter Green; and Branch Clerk, Brother Thomas Harman.

Hull

The theme chosen for the Hull Branch Conference was "Salvation for the Living and the Dead." Speakers at the first session were President Robert H. Summers, Missionary Elder Albert H. Willmott and Sister Amelia Ransom. Elder Loren E. Simper, serving in the U.S. Army was the concluding speaker of the session. Speakers in the second session were President Summers and Sister Marion Barrett. A vocal quartette rendered "Memories of Galilee." The concluding speaker was Missionary Elder Arthur J. Fisher. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the Conference. Nineteen attended the first session and 18 the second.

The Hull Branch Relief Society sponsored a social in the recreation hall of the Hull Branch on Saturday, 18th July. Games were under the direction of Elders Arthur J. Fisher and Albert Willmott. Items were presented by Sister Pauline Haryatt in the form of tap dancing, balancing feats were performed by Brother G. Griffith, and a skit, "The Doctor's Surgery," was presented by the Missionaries and Brother Griffith. Chips and peas were served finally and the 42 people in attendance enjoyed a very happy time together.

Leeds

On Sunday, July 26th, Elder Fred Laycock was released from his office as President of the Leeds Branch and Elder Alfred Higgins was appointed to fill that position. On the same date Elder Laycock was set apart as President of the newly organised Pudsey Branch of the Leeds District. The Relief Society was also organised with Sister Lily Sutcliffe as President. Sister Louisa Harding was appointed Branch Clerk.

Liverpool

A cottage meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harvey on July 27th. Aproximately 22 members and friends attended and experienced a very enjoyable evening. Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Harvey, a good friend of the Burnley members of the Church.

On Wednesday, 29th July, members and friends of the Wigan Branch met in a farewell banquet held in honour of Brother Thomas Nurdin, home on embarkation leave. After a splendid repast of potato pie and peas (warfare fare), Toasts were given by Brother H. E. Heyes to Brother Nurdin, by Brother Nurdin to Wigan Branch, and by Brother Edwin R. Astin to the Presidency of the Church. President Clifford Hartley presented Brother Nurdin with a name engraved triple combination on behalf of the members of the Wigan Branch. Games and dancing followed to round off the evening, which was indeed enjoyable.

A social was held in the home of Brother and Sister Owens of the Burnley Branch on Thursday, 6th August. Songs and games were much enjoyed by the 25 members and friends who were in attendance. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Manchester

A baptismal service was held in the Manchester Chapel on July 22nd, under the direction of President Albert Woodruff of the Manchester District. Hilda Kershaw was baptised into the Church by her husband, Elder Edward Kershaw of the District Presidency, and she was confirmed a member by Elder Harold T. Pardoe.

Newcastle

West Hartlepool Branch commemorated Pioneer Day in the Church by having a "Camp Fire Night" in their Branch Hall on Wednesday, July 22nd. Thirty-seven members and friends sat around the "Old Camp Fire" and sang songs and listened to appropriate items in keeping with the occasion. Finally, to round off the evening, soup was served in cups from a dixie at the side of the fire. The entertainment was held under the direction of the M.I.A. officers of the Branch and the Lady Missionaries in the District. The programme was directed by Brother Stanley Short.

West Hartlepool Sunday School held their annual outing on July 29th in the Ward Jackson Park, under the direction of the Sunday School officers. Games and races were entered into by all. 32 people were in attendance, "children" old as well as young, 22 being members of the Sunday School.

Scottish

A party was held in honour of Lady Missionaries Sisters Violet Thomas and Lucy Ripley on July 21st, who were about to commence a lecture tour of the District. Each was presented with a gift to mark the occasion.

On the following evening, July 22nd, Airdrie Branch held a social and dance. Thirty people were present and enjoyed Scotch Dancing to the accompaniment of music supplied by Brother Martin with his piano-accordion. Sisters Thomas and Ripley also gave a lantern lecture.

On July 23rd, 20 people assembled at the home of Sister Martin at Blackridge to enjoy a further lecture given by Sisters Thomas and Ripley preceding their departure for Edinburgh.

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ONCE A MISSIONARY . . .

SISTER A. SCHOFIELD (late Missionary), spending her holiday at the Ilkley Grove Convalescent Home, had the opportunity to to address an audience of 60 people in the private chapel of the Home on Sunday, August 2nd. The result was very favourable and many listeners promised to visit local Branches of the Church when in their home towns.

PERSONALS.

MOUNT—A son was born to Sister and Brother Calvin H. Mount of the Bristol District on August 7th.

SMITH—The infant daughter of Brother and Sister John W. Smith of the St. Albans Branch, London District, born May 22nd, 1942, was blessed on Sunday, July 19th, by Elder John Bullock in the St. Albans Branch and given the names of Janet Mary.

COOK—The infant son of Sister Eileen Rose Cook of the Hull District was blessed on Sunday, June 7th, 1942, by District President Eric Thorp, and given the names of Colin Reginald.

WATSON—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Watson of Gateshead, born July 20th, 1942, was blessed on Sunday, August 9th, by Elder Robert Graham and given the names of David William, Mr. and Mrs. Watson are the brother and sister-in-law of Brother and Sister Fudge.

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DEATHS.

NURSE — Margaret Mary Nurse, the three year old daughter of Brother and Sister Richard Nurse of the Grimsby Branch, died of Diphtheria on July 9th, after a short illness.

FARMER — One of the oldest members of the Church in the London District, Sister Alice Louise Farmer, aged 80 years, passed away on June 26th. She had been a member of the Watford Branch for 36 years, and retained a strong testimony of the Gospel, preaching to her fellow patients in hospital up to the time of her death. A few years ago she had the satisfaction of seeing her grandson, Elder Leslie Norton of Ogden, Utah, serve a full time Mission in this country. Sister Farmer was interred in the Watford Cemetery on June 30th.

TAYLOR — Mr. Taylor, husband of Sister Taylor of the Accrington Branch, died on June 28th and was buried on July 2nd. Funeral services were conducted by members of the District and Branch Presidencies.

GEAR — Brother Arthur Gear of the Gravesend Branch, London District, passed away July 12th, at his home in Swanscombe. He was 73 years of age. The interment took place at Swanscombe, Friday, July 17th, after a service held in the home of Brother Gear, conducted by Elder Thomas Rudd. Representatives of the British Legion led the cortage to the cemetery and "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung as the opening hymn of a service held in the cemetery chapel. Tributes were paid to Brother Gear by President A. K. Anastasiou and President Thomas Rudd of the Gravesend Branch. Sister Anastasiou rendered a vocal solo, "What Voice Salutes the Startled Ear?" At the graveside "O My Father" was sung by all and Mr. E. Roberts, of the British Legion, repeated the Legion Exhortation.

The local newspaper carried a lengthy account of the funeral services and gave a short resume of Brother Gear's life as follows:

"Mr. Gear was born at Greenhithe (Kent). He enlisted in the army in 1888, and saw service in the Chitral Expedition, the South African War, and the Great War (1914-18), having attained the rank of Sergeant. His patriotic spirit was revealed in his active participation in the duties of Fire-watching during air-raids. . . . He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for over 30 years, and for 24 years was President of the local Branch of the Church."

GAMON — Lieut. Ian Gamon, husband of Sister Pearl Gamon, was killed in action in the East on July 27th, 1942. He was acting 2nd in Command at the time of his death and was due for leave in five months.

WHITE — Sister Clemence White, daughter of Sister Hannah Maria Smith of the Hyde Branch, Manchester District, passed away at Northenden on June 27th, 1942, after a long illness. A service was held in the home of the deceased, conducted by Elder John Massey. The grave in Manchester Southern Cemetery was afterwards dedicated by District President Albert Woodruff.

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